

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2006, Applicants cancelled claim 15 and amended claim 1. Claims 1-31 are pending with claims 3-5, 7, 9-13, 17 and 25-31 currently being withdrawn from consideration.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 14-16 and 18-24 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kamiya et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,192,301 ("Kamiya").<sup>1</sup>

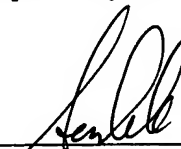
As amended, claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 14, 16 and 18-24 cover compositions that include a first collection of particles having a first shape and a second collection of particles having a second shape different than the first shape, where the particles of at least one of the collections include a portion capable of dissolving in a body.

Kamiya simply does not disclose such particles. Applicants therefore request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

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<sup>1</sup> Applicants cancelled claim 15, so the rejection of this claim should be withdrawn.